

Harworth & Bircotes Annual Parish Meeting

The Harworth & Bircotes Annual Parish Meeting is to be held on Monday 8th April 2019 at 6.45pm at the Town Hall,
Scrooby Road, Bircotes

Everyone welcome

AGENDA

- APM19/1 Apologies for absence
- APM19/2 To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held 21st May 2018 - attached
- APM19/3 Town Council Chair's Report for 2018/19
- APM19/4 Open session

Cllr June Evans
Chair of the Town Council

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Unapproved Minutes of the Harworth & Bircotes Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 21st May 2018 at 6.45pm at the Town Hall, Scrooby Road, Bircotes

Present: Cllr J Evans (Chair of the Town Council) Mrs Davies (Town Clerk)

Others: Mr Ashworth, Mr Barns, Mrs Dean, Mrs Flynn, Mrs Morgan-Kingston, Mrs Jones, Mrs Robinson, Mrs Smith, Karen Tarburton (Community Funding and Development Manager), Mrs Wratten and a member of the Bawtry Town Council

APM18/1 Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Mr Durdy.

APM18/2 To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held 8th May 17

Mrs Flynn proposed to approve the minutes as a true record of the Annual Parish Meeting held 8th May 2017; this was seconded by Mrs Robinson and resolved by the meeting.

APM18/3 Town Council Chair's Report for 2017/18

The Chair of the Town Council gave the following report for 2017/18.

The Past Year has been marked by a greater focus on community events. The establishment of the Vintage Luncheon Club has been a great success, as was the Christmas Event and Royal Wedding Event. We have seen the popularity of the Bingo Club grow, along with the Thursday Coffee Morning, and for some residents the Community Bus has been an essential service. Much of this is due to the input from our Community Development Worker, Karen Tarburton; nor could we do it with Steph and our friends from the T.R.A. I have every reason to think this investment in the community will continue. Bids have been submitted by Karen and Natalie for:

- Improvements to the Town Centre
- WiFi in the Town Centre
- To the Local Improvement Scheme for work on Snipe Park

- And a Housing Needs Survey was completed to update the Neighbourhood Plan

There has been some success.

In year, we have seen the completion of new council houses and we are now at the final stage – as promised by Bassetlaw District Council after some negotiation from myself – which is a new play area on that site – preparations are now in place, work start shortly. We have also seen the completion of 44 Housing Association Houses – all occupied, and latterly, we have secured agreement with BDC for the improvement of Snipe Park. The consultant started work last week.

The Challenges

The most pressing matter is repairing the Town Hall and restoring Sure Start to the community. I hope to see this completed this year. We have to reach agreement as a Council on how we will fund this.

At a strategic level, we began two main pieces of work in partnership with Bassetlaw District Council:

1. The review of pedestrian and vehicle movement along Scrooby Road and the main shopping area – identifying the current problems and how best to address them
2. The marker appraisal to consider the demand for new floor space in the town centre, and how the town could change: step 1 is the Civic Events Area

These piece of work are, and must, be done as a partnership with the Bassetlaw District Council and much of the actual workload is addressed by Karen and Natalie Cockrell. These two strategic items of work have now been done.

These are commitments we have made, it is a development outlined in the Neighbourhood Plan, and we took the first steps. In 2017. We know it will take years to accomplish, and we recognise we are in for the long haul.

There is another piece of work that may emerge, depending on the view of planners, B.D.C and future funding options – I am, of course, talking

about the former North Notts. Junior School. It may prove not to be financially viable, or it could offer an opportunity to be developed into something wonderful. The outcome is out of our hands, but we took the necessary steps as a Council trying to serve the community, by conducting a public survey and applying to make the school a community asset. Again, partnership working with B.D.C would be essential, as would specialist knowledge on bidding for funds (input from Karen and Natalie is essential)

APM18/4 Open session

A member of the Bawtry Town Council introduced himself and asked if the Town Council would be able to assist Bawtry in applying for an additional bus shelter in Bawtry. After discussion; Karen Tarburton passed on her contact details to discuss this further and look at any other funding opportunities.

The Chair then closed the meeting.